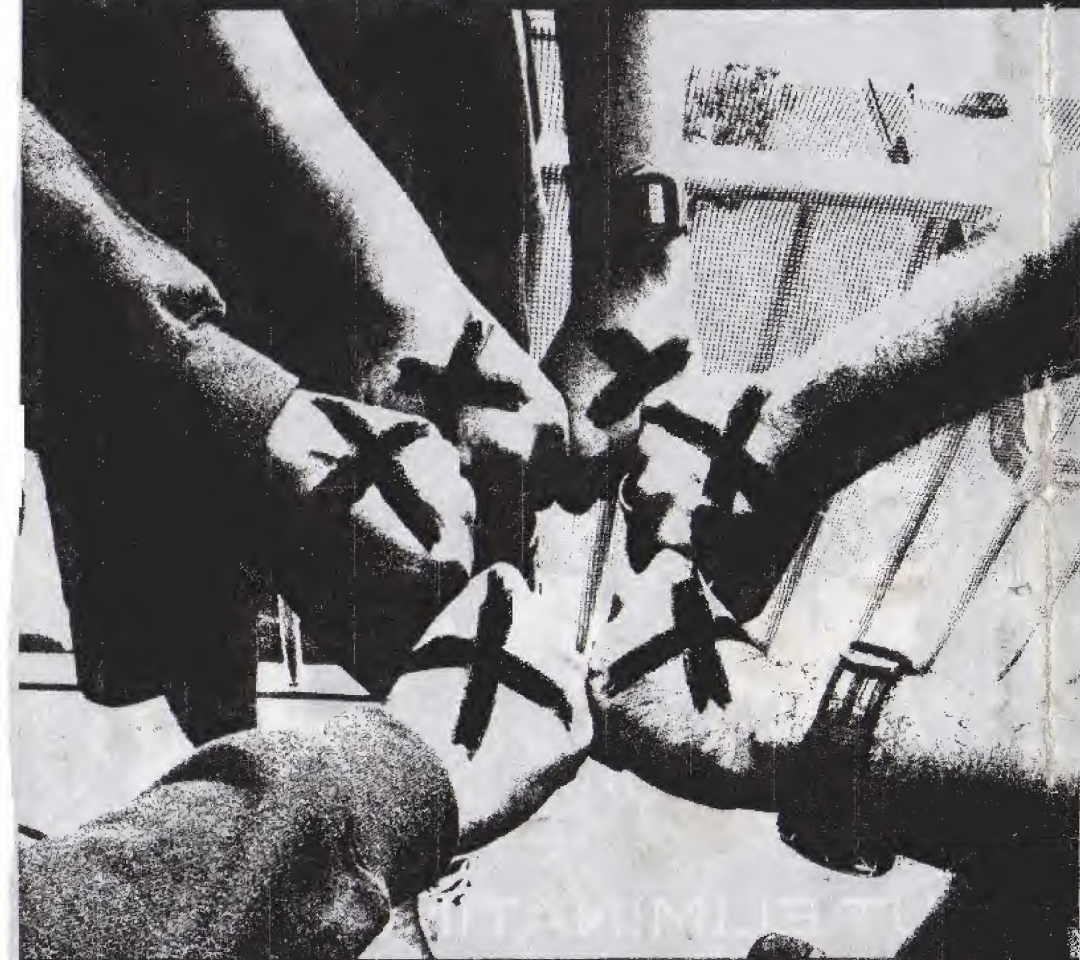


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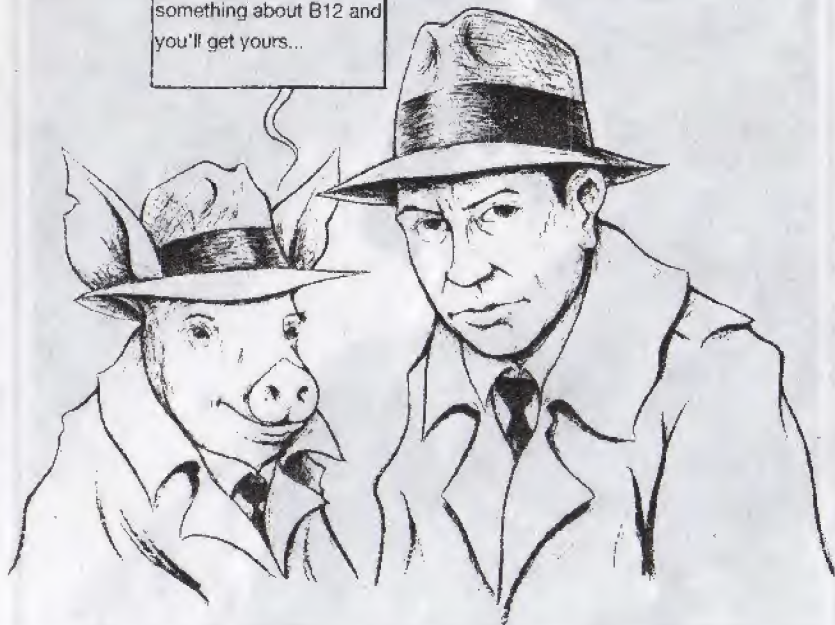
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Go ahead and say
something about B12 and
you'll get yours...



VEGANISM OR REPRIMAND

**ANIMAL LIBERATION IS
NOT A MATTER OF
MAKING BIGGER
CAGES...**



BUT ELIMINATING THEM

You can be the Animal Liberation Front

I'M TIRED OF COMPLAINING.

I'm tired of complaining about the government; about what for me the ideal society would mean (it doesn't exist and never has existed); tired of trying to make others see what shit it is to be killing yourself with drugs and seeing friends loose their heads with them; tired of complaining that millions of animals are unnecessarily killed, complaining about what to me seem to be the pathetic lives of the rest of mortals, complaining about the sexist attitudes (both anti men and anti women sentiments), complaining about music groups that talk about things you care about and make you feel not alone and then not give a shit about taking your money and act like rockstars. Tired of complaining about and listening to people who call themselves "anarchists" or "communist" or whatever and on a personal level aren't worth shit and are not good people with others; tired of telling people what to do to be happy, speaking to those who do not want to or can not listen to you. I'm so sick of seeing what "a problem" means for most people, I'm tired of seeing people who believed and believe in the freedom tortured by police while the police are considered heroes. Its fucked up that I have to keep complaining about things that I had long warned about and that no one listened to me; such as when we created assemblies against urban speculation, we told people that a financial crisis was coming, they did not believe us and ignored us (and are now are unemployed and part of the 15M movement). I'm tired of complaining about people's greed, about people who join the fight just to be violent without any hint of companionship or affection. Tired of complaining about myself and everything I around, I'm sick, even those that complain, fed up with what to me is an injustice and others are normal and that they let through. I'm tired of complaining about myself and everything around me. I'm even sick of those that complain, fed up with what to me is an injustice and to others is normal and they just don't do anything.

I'm tired of complaining about everything, I just want to live. I'm not trying to be perfect, I just don't want to make the same mistakes over and over again. Wanting to fight against what does not seem fair does not mean hating anything. Hatred does not lead anywhere, it only cause damage and disease. If you want to create a new world, it is with love, affection, companionship, truth, spirit of sacrifice and friendship. Then there will be no room for complaints because I do not fight for there to be death, but so that there is life.

No more complaints, its our turn, we will take back our lives.
Animal liberation and human liberation.

First of all, what is straight edge and veganism?

We are not going to tell you the typical stuff that you can find on the internet. If you look up these two concepts, you can find a lot of things, but our thoughts about drug abstention and consumption of animal products comes from our minds and our hearts. These are very deep feelings and thoughts that we have meditated about and thought over our ethical base and ideas.

Respect is the foundation of coexistence with our environment, with other human and nonhuman animals. Without it, there would be conflicts and abuses constantly which is what we see most today. Due to some people or a group of people who claim the world as their playground with their own rules and exploiting others for their self-interests. Therefore, we believe that not using drugs is a matter of self-respect, respect for people who have had to be exploited by the mafia or the State to produce the drugs and respect for others (we also breathe second-hand smoke involuntarily!). It is also about respect for the value of animals as more than slaves or toys. Every day, thousands of animals are tortured and killed in cruel and unnecessary ways to become food, clothing and laboratory test subjects. All this isn't necessary and we believe that people who know what happens and continue consuming animals are selfish and hypocritical in this regard. We don't judge or believe that a person's worth is measured by being vegan or straight edge, but we think it's stupid to know that you are participating in a holocaust, and continue to do so knowing that there are entirely feasible alternatives (study show so don't come with that BS about B12).

Freedom is the ability to choose and being capable of doing so. If you contribute to depriving animals of the possibility of having a life of freedom, growing, feeding and interacting without having to rely on anyone or anything, that makes you an accomplice in this slavery. If you continue taking drugs knowing what moves behind the drug business, you become an accomplice to mafias and the imprisonment of workers (as we say drugs, Coca Cola, Nike, McDonalds or any company which participates on the exploitation of workers or the destruction of land) and you become a dependent on their substances to interact better or just to not be you for a while.

We don't need any substance to alter our perception of reality. We believe that avoidance is necessary because otherwise, our heads would explode, but can be done in a healthy way and without resorting to toxic elements. In our society people don't talk about meditation, for example, which is a brutal way of looking within ourselves and have very cool experiences. And we don't do anything to escape, but to root ourselves even more with ourselves and with our connection to our surroundings. We don't need drugs to have fun, to socialize or for any shamanic or spiritual rite. We don't need or depend on drugs at all, we don't want it in our lives or in the lives of the people that we care.

We don't fight for vegan straight edge, we are fighting for ANIMAL LIBERATION, HUMAN AND EARTH LIBERATION. Veganism, straight edge or anarchism are our tools to get it.

If it still does not clear:

-VEGAN: rejection of the consumption of animal products (meat, eggs, milk, leather clothing) and any act involving possession or humiliation of the animals.

-STRAIGHT EDGE: rejection of drugs.

-Anarchism: to believe the ideals of solidarity, mutual support, freedom, and self-respect self and others from the state, its political network / social / economic / cultural and their advocates.

I DECLARE WAR

I declare war against this disgusting and decadent system, I declare war on this sick violent society lacking in values where fundamental rights are violated every day. There is no difference from the Middle Ages, because the same ignorance still reigns. We live in a savage capitalism where technology is the service of the power for its sickest purposes.

They are raping Mother Earth, who is crying, and she suffers from deforestation, desertification, and extermination of the animal world. I declare war against this system and I declared war to those who already have declared war and have failed, the weak and lacking in spirit. We will pass over those who try to stop us and there is no turning back.

Ahead of the very forefront, we will be the tip of the spear, the retribution will come from our pious hands, we are right. The trial was held and we declare them GUILTY!

While our words may seem violent, they are words of liberation. Liberty is not forged with brutality or savagery against any human or non-human animal. This is our fight: to open minds which will stop the animal holocaust.



King Juan Carlos VS Elephants

Much of the population is worried or outraged by either the hip fracture of our beloved king Juan Carlos, or because this man has spent a fortune to go to Africa to hunt animals. But who really cared about the elephant and other animals who were killed? I will try to reflect on the people who are outraged by these events, because those who continue to support acts of "Juanca" should be the next in our search for animal liberation (Animal Liberation includes humans, as they are animals too). I understand and share the frustration and anger that is felt to watch that piece of skin with legs spend the amount of money that millions of people need just to meet their basic needs on their own personal enjoyment, showing their selfishness; while the Spanish people, like everyone else, don't care about the killing of animals. But get in the skin of the elephant and see that our complaints would be nothing compared to what the poor elephant suffered. He wanted to live, he had feelings like us, he surely left behind a family that will miss him, like I miss all the relatives that have left me throughout my life. Damned money is only pieces of paper compared to the suffering felt my animal companion, you can not justify this act to me nor to the masses. The right to life is more important, imagine that they killed your brother, son, grandfather, father, mother... How would you like it? Would you see justification in money or the wasteful human enjoyment? Well, ask yourself this the next time that you eat a hamburger, wear animal skin or use an animal for any personal benefit.

We can't ignore the fact that the king is honorary president of WWF (World Wildlife Fund for Nature, one of the largest environmental organizations in the world) since 1968 and they have been "working together" for over 50 years for the conservation of elephants against poaching and the ivory business. It seems that after these events, the WWF has kindly asked the king to leave the president of honor post, because it was all too embarrassing.



JUST DO IT.

SPIRITUAL PUNKS



FUCK NEW AGE
FUCK RELIGION

SOCIAL LUBRICANTS?

People keep showing disbelief when I tell them that I don't drink nor smoke. However, my hatred of tobacco and drugs in general, with a great mental strength and with enormous sacrifice, some -not many-, can come to understand; but that I dare go out and party come home without alcohol on my lips is a reality that escapes anyone's reasoning... I'm quite the sassy one! Understandable, because today its shameless to order an iced tea and refuse a shot from a bartender. And one has to be cocky to not accept drinks that men buy you on any given Saturday night.

It's sad that its so strange when a person actively makes it through a whole night at the same pace as their friends, without having had ingested a drop of alcohol or smoked a laced cigarette. It shouldn't be like this, the body and nature are wise, that they are to set limits and fuel your rage. Its supposedly normal that we have to contaminate and intoxicate ourselves in order to believe we are happy and have a good time.

It's not a utopia to have fun without altering your organism, without hurting it and going against nature. We are incoherent creatures, sometimes we need uppers to push us and turn us into accelerated, daring, brave, shameless and definitely, to augment all of those traits that in a sober state would not be boosted; however when these result in headaches, no one doubts for a second to open the first aid kit to gobble down a box of Ibuprofen. Now, its in our interest to hide behind new chemical substances, the natural answer that our bodies offer us. The case is not to accept ourselves and our nature. The name of the drug doesn't matter or if its disguised with a medical name, or that if we buy it in a pharmacy because you are fooling yourself if you think its healthy. We insist on altering ourselves to intoxication and this has consequences, and we don't stop encouraging this process.

I have never fallen into the trap of alcohol, tobacco or harder drugs, I have always criticized their runaway use and the not so runaway use of medications (above all that of Ibuprofen, which has always been normalized although it is a bomb for the body). Yet, I have never lacked the courage to speak with the person I liked, nor have I been incapable of having fun just as those around me. Moreover, I've counted on an advantage, my untarnished mornings without hangovers and I always remember of all of the words I've spoken and all of my actions.

I like to be the owner of my words, I like to perceive reality exactly how it is, I like to decide how far I go. I don't like to feel strange in my body, nor act under the influence of any substance. I can't understand how disgraceful it must be for a person to need to change themselves in any way, shush their body and put their lives into the hands of a substance that overshadows them. But we are auto destructive like this and we are still in love with the idea that alcohol is, as I read one day somewhere, that social lubricant that make men brave and women promiscuous.

Why don't you fight anymore?

Today a friend of mine asked me if I had "abandoned the struggle." I don't know what he meant by this: if I had stopped hating the state, police, drugs, meat consumption, capitalism ...? What if I still love the ideals of anarchism, veganism, struggle, direct action, self-management, mutual support ...? In this sense, I continue to think the same as I have for long time, but I think I've evolved. But I liked that he asked me this question: What is the fight?

We all love to believe and defend the idea of another world, another type of society and other ways of understanding personal ethics. For some people, this idea of fighting means being part of a fascist group, others create a collective, another people join a political party, some people like to throw molotov cocktails at banks, other people get stoned to defend the legalization of marijuana ... The concept of struggle is SUBJECTIVE and PERSONAL. What I fight for, may suck for you and vice versa. For example: for you, someone who belongs to the republican party youth is not fighting, they are being an idiot. Well, for him, you aren't doing anything for the world, you're lazy, socialist etc ... Anyone who is not defending or fighting the ideas you have, is not doing anything beneficial. So I say that is subjective and personal.

When I see someone from an animal rights organization with whom I don't share their position but I respect the they fight and I think it is useful. I think many people don't stop to think about the personal conditions in which others live and try to convince others that everyone should join their "glorious and righteous" cause- this is why we do not agree. The priority should be to give diverse points of view and ways of accomplishing common goals. I have chosen to step away from the negativity, the pointless fights, the constant problems due to lack of planning, lack of respect, lack of sacrifice, the lack understanding and assessment of psychological and emotional attrition, lack of precise common objectives and the lack of seriousness ... so if I left it was YOUR fight, not mine. And for me, surrender is not an option.



Veganisms and Christianity

Inspired by Jose's article. Its incredibly interesting to read about what I was reflecting over and reading on the internet. It all came to me with a DOGWAY music video, a melodic Christian hardcore group I saw online.

We must take into account two very different concepts: religion and anarchism. *A priori* it seems that the two can not be reconciled, but, with out a doubt, authentic Christian thought is closer to a primitive communism or anarchism than the political right. Furthermore fascism should be contrary to Christianity for a simple reason. Christianity is based on exacerbated egalitarianism and fascism believes that social inequality is good and beneficial to society.

Well, in theory that is, in the case of the Spanish state we have seen how the Catholic Church always stood by the oligarchy, the bourgeoisie and the fucking caciques. Catholic Christianity has generally been a power instrument to subdue the people. But there has always been left-wing priests, that have worked in support of leftist groups in the transition or even ETA.

Straight Edge emerged in the 80s in a country where a more radical Protestantism is rampant. No wonder that fundamentalists and radical visions of the straight edge are firmly rooted in states such as Utah, there was even news of a murder by the hands of straight edge fundamentalists.

Protestantism since Luther made a schism in 1517, breaking with Rome. It seemed revolutionary but it was hardly so, this church was even more intolerant than Catholicism itself. In 1524, it turned its back on a revolution led by farmers and siding with the nobility, contempt for the wealthy. Old Europe has always been plagued by wars where religion has been more a case of a conflict than union between peoples (like with the Irish conflict).

While I have tried to shed more light on the subject, one of my first conclusions is that religion is the opium of the people. And while there may be Straight Edge Christians, for me they are no different than a fascist or a trade unionist.

I understand straight edge as something as far more profound and personal, that can not be decoupled from anarchism, if you're an anarchist you're vegan and therefore do not take drugs, end of discussion. No one is an anarchist if they drink alcohol or eat meat. Many groups on the scene have been linked to religions like: Christianity, Krishna, Islam, such as Shelter, Vegan Reich and many more. We must not forget that all religions are bad and alienates the individual, making them nothing more than a fucking puppet. But each person has their evolution and there may be groups that do not have to be religious to be shitty. Verily the Vegan Reich have a great album with amazing lyrics: then they got lost but what are we going to do ...

Personally, I am not religious but I am spiritual. Meditation is part of my life and is something that makes me feel good. I do not want anyone to think that a radical materialism is best. One of the major mistakes anarchist movement is to ignore spirituality, because spirituality is good and necessary. Since exaggerated materialism corrupts the values of a revolutionary movement. This decadent hedonism is also present within the anarchist movement. So if one can not change themselves, then they should not dare talk about changing anything, because they logically form part of the PROBLEM

NEITHER DRUGS NOR DOGMAS